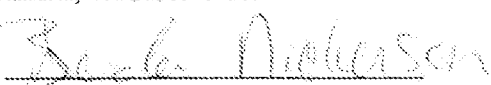


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<b>In re the Application of:</b> Inventors: Girardet, et al. Serial No.: 10/526,249 Filed: August 3, 2005 Title: <b>Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors</b>	Group Art Unit: 1611 Examiner: FRAZIER, Barbara S. Confirmation No.: 6456 Customer No.: 21971  <b><u>Certificate of Electronic Filing</u></b> I hereby certify that this Response to Non-Final Office Action and all marked attachments are being deposited by Electronic Filing on December 15, 2009 by using the EFS-Web patent filing system and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  By:  Brenda Nickerson
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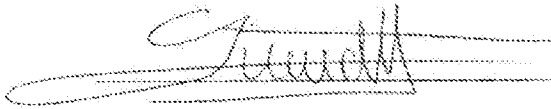
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Sir:

I, Jean-Luc Girardet, hereby declare, based on information and belief:

1. I am named as an inventor in the above-identified application.
2. I have read the original claims as filed and the amended claims (attached as Exhibit A), which I understand are being submitted as part of an Amendment and Response to Office Action.
3. I have read the disclosure of Simoneau *et al.*, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/719,369, filed on November 21, 2003, published on March 10, 2005 and claiming priority to U.S. Provisional application No. 60/430,796, filed December 4, 2002 (attached as Exhibit B).
4. At a date prior to December 4, 2002, I conceived of the subject matter as defined in the pending application as filed and the claims presented in Exhibit A. After my conception of this subject matter, I diligently reduced to practice the invention now claimed.

I, Jean-Luc Girardet, further declare that all statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge, or if made upon information and belief, are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Girardet", is written over three horizontal lines.

Jean-Luc Girardet

A handwritten date "15 December 2009" is written in dark ink over a single horizontal line.

Dated